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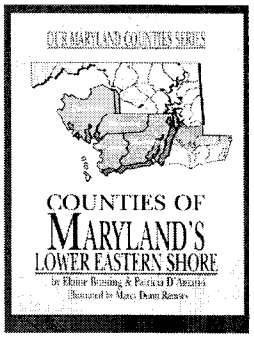
Spotlight on Collections

The fourth book in the Tidewater Publishers series "Our Maryland Counties" has recently been received at the Nabb Research Center. It is titled, *Counties of Maryland's Lower Eastern Shore*, and covers the counties of Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester. It was written by Elaine Bunting and Patricia D'Amario and illustrated by Marcy Dunn Ramsey. The author graciously acknowledged the Nabb Research Center in the preface with a "special thank you."



One of the main objectives of this book is to provide young readers with factual information about local history in an entertaining, yet thorough, manner. The book presents each of the counties in the order in which it was established and celebrates the geographical, climactic, social and cultural diversity of these four regions on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Bunting and D'Amario take the reader through the history of the area by highlighting the known Native American tribes, the first Colonial settlements, the War for Independence, the development of slavery, the Civil War and the two World Wars. The authors also draw attention to the drastic differences between modern life and that of our forebears through "fun facts" and "not-so-fun facts" which help the young readers to understand the unique evolution of Maryland's history in a practical and easy-to-understand manner.

This book is a wonderful way for children to become familiar with their local history. Bunting and D'Amario have presented valuable, historical material that often is left out of traditional history books. *Counties of Maryland's Lower Eastern Shore* is an exciting and new way for people of all ages to not only enjoy Maryland's past, but also to better understand our present.

Congratulations

Rebecca West is the winner for the Wilcomb E. Washburn Student Prize in History. A history major at Salisbury University, Rebecca wrote a paper titled, "The Quakers of Somerset County Maryland in the 17th Century," and it was selected by the Nabb committee as the most historically accurate and well-written of all the Spring submissions 2004.

Salisbury University students across various disciplines are encouraged to submit their entries to the Center. Our next winner will be selected during Spring 2005 and awarded at SU's Honors Convocation. For more information on this award please contact the Center.

West is also serving as an intern at the Nabb Research Center this summer, curating a Native American display and a student-centered display for the Fall semester's Pro-Seminar in History classes.

Settlers of the Eastern Shore Evenlight

Clifton, Somerset County, MD

An event to benefit the Nabb Research Center was held for the second year at Clifton, the historic home of Kathy and Bill Niskanen, on May 22. Settlers of the Eastern Shore Evenlight featured the history of Clifton and the area of Revell's Neck on the Manokin River in Somerset County, MD.

The evening was advertised as "an inspiring evening of good company, fabulous food and potent potables." This turned out to be true as close to 150 guests enjoyed the ambience of the historic grounds and participated in a silent auction.

Tickets, donations, silent auction bids and sponsorships generated over $16,500 for the Nabb Research Center.

Board member Kathy Niskanen, with chair Niel Carey and vice chair Andrea Ullrich, pictured here, presented to Becky Miller a monogrammed pewter tray, inscribed with "Honoring your dedication and devotion to Nabb Research Center May 2004" for her outstanding service to the Center and the University.

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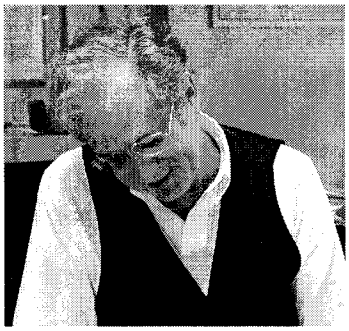


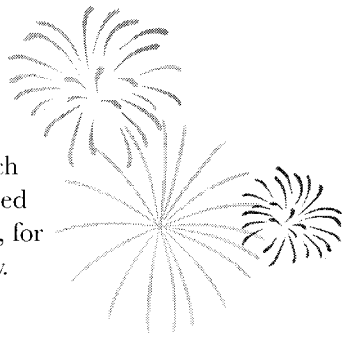
Nabb founder and Salisbury University professor of history Dr. Ray Thompson has completed his long-time project "Studies in Primary Sources of the Lower Eastern Shore: Early Settlers of Old Somerset County, MD 1665-1700." This is the long-awaited collection of transcribed inventories of all documented estate owners from Old Somerset County during this time period, which includes present day Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset counties.

This is a great resource for anyone studying Eastern Shore history. Use of inventories maybe be applied in many ways for those conducting family research and/or any kind of study of Colonial life. The information hidden within these inventories of estates is far too detailed to be justly described here, but some examples of potential areas of study could be based on: economics, gender/sex, wealth (or poverty), means of livelihood, architecture ... just to name a few.

Thompson's highly sought-after publication will soon be available for sale at the Nabb Research Center, so stay tuned for more information. We recommend you reserve your own personal copy because these are going to go fast!

Closings

The Nabb Research Center will be closed on Monday, July 5, for Independence Day.



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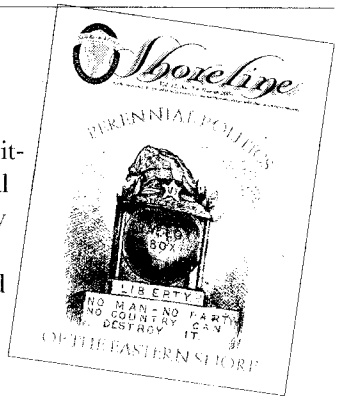
If anyone is interested in submitting an article for our bi-annual newsletter please contact Becky Miller at the Nabb Research Center at 410-543-6312 to find out details on September's unique theme!